

1 again a special interest group, well financed, could turn
2 the tide rather than the total representation of this
3 state, and I think there is a great fear here, and I think
4 this amendment should be rejected.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Does any other Delegate desire
6 to speak in favor of the amendment?

7 Delegate Hanson.

8 DELEGATE HANSON: Mr. Chairman, I rarely find
9 myself in a position to disagree with my colleague from
10 Montgomery County, Mr. Scanlan. I share his lack of
11 enthusiasm for the legislative initiative. I was
12 opposed to the legislative initiative and I remain opposed
13 to the legislative initiative.

14 I do not think that as a practical matter it
15 has fulfilled the promises that were made for it when it
16 was developed. I am a sponsor of this amendment, and I
17 must say I am a sponsor of it with some degree of trepidation
18 because of my lack of enthusiasm for initiatives generally.

19 The reason I sponsor it, however, is for what I
20 believe is a very practical reason in the development of
21 constitutional government. It is quite true that a